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Anderson to Help Citizens with Unclaimed Economic Stimulus Dollars

Senator to host two events next month to assist those who have not yet filed for their economic stimulus payments

LANSING—With millions of dollars in economic stimulus checks still unclaimed, State Senator Glenn S. Anderson wants to make sure all eligible citizens in Michigan are getting the checks they are entitled to through the national economic stimulus program. The filing deadline is in October, and during the next month Sen. Anderson will host two events in his district to assist those who have not yet filed for the payment they are due.

“There are still thousands of Michigan citizens who have not received their check in the mail because they haven’t filed a 2007 tax return,” said Anderson. “We want to make sure all eligible citizens, including seniors, disabled veterans, and those on fixed incomes, receive their payments before the program ends.”

As the cost of living continues to rise, these economic stimulus payments are as critical as ever. The Michigan League of Human Services recently issued a report stating there are still 150,000 eligible Michigan residents who have not filed a federal tax return to claim their payment. According to the IRS, unclaimed payments for the state total \$46.4 million.

If you received at least \$3,000 in Social Security, Veterans benefits, or Tier I Railroad Retirement benefits in 2007 and have not yet filed a tax return, you have until October 15, 2008, to file so that you can become eligible to receive a payment of up to \$300 from the federal government. Staff from Sen. Anderson's office and the Internal Revenue Service will assist you in filling out the necessary paperwork.

The first event will be at VFW 345, located at 27345 Schoolcraft, Redford on Friday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The second event will be at the Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland on Friday, October 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You will need to bring:

- A copy of your SSA 1099, RRB 1099, or VA Benefits Earnings Statement
- Photo identification
- Bank account information (canceled check or check book)

- Unaddressed stamped #10 legal size envelope
- If you are filing on behalf of another tax payer, proof of Power of Attorney is required
- If the person for whom you are filing is deceased, please provide the death certificate from 2007 or 2008

For more information about these events, please contact Sen. Anderson's office at 517-373-1707.

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Anderson represents the sixth state senate district which includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, and Redford Township. He also serves as the Assistant Democratic Floor Leader.